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Güler: Turkey will push ahead with Iran gas deal

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Energy and Natural Resources Minister Hilmi Güler said that the country would push ahead with a planned deal to produce and export gas from neighboring Iran, saying cancellation of the deal was 'out of the question'.

Turkey and Iran failed to conclude expected energy accords during a visit by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Turkey in August. The United States, which is seeking to isolate Tehran over its controversial nuclear program, opposes the plan.

"It is out of the question that the natural gas deal with Iran will be suspended. I will go to Tehran to sign when the text of the deal is ready," Hilmi Güler told reporters. Under the deal, TPAO will explore in Iran's South Pars field and gas will be piped to Turkey for consumption or export to European markets. Güler also said Azerbaijan had agreed to sell extra gas produced in the second phase of its Shah Deniz project to Turkey.

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New impetus by TPAO for oil exploration in Mediterranean

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TPAO will initiate seismic exploration over a 5,000-square-kilometer area in the Mediterranean Sea during the second half of this month. An official from TPAO said they will have to find partners for further exploration in the region.

Mentioning a recent discovery of oil in the Gulf of Iskenderun which turned out to be a poor source, the TPAO official said they are determined to continue their search in the deep waters of the Mediterranean. The official also discussed hopes of finding new oil and natural gas sources along the Syrian border, noting that they are still negotiating with Syrian authorities on the issue.



Syria – Turkey gas link in the pipeline

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A Russian pipeline builder partly owned by Gazprom, Russia's largest company, plans to extend a gas link from Syria to Turkey that may help supply the Nabucco project, The Moscow Times reported yesterday.

The company Stroitransgaz has signed an agreement with state-owned Syrian Gas, and the new pipeline will link Aleppo, in northern Syria, with the Turkish border, Syrian Oil Minister Sufian al-Alao said in comments published late Monday by the Syrian state-run news service Sana.

Syria, which began importing gas from Egypt this year through a pipeline that crosses Jordan, now plans to import gas from Iraq's Akkas field, near the border with Syria, by 2010. Stroitransgaz, which built the Syrian section of the pipeline from Egypt, will now construct the 62-kilometer extension in 18 months, at a cost of \$71.2 million, Alao said.

Cristobal Burgos-Alonso, an adviser to the European Union's Energy Directorate, earlier in October said Iraq and Egypt may provide gas for Nabucco, a pipeline due to bring 30 billion cubic meters of Caspian and Middle Eastern gas each year from Turkey to an Austrian gas hub via Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary.



Iran plans gas link to Europe distinct from Nabucco

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Iran, holder of the world's second largest gas reserves after Russia, plans to build a Persian Pipeline for shipping its natural gas to Europe that would be independent of the EU-backed Nabucco project, according to a senior Iranian official.

“We have nothing to do with the Nabucco pipeline and since the European Union announced ... it does not need Iran's gas we have designed a new plan independent of Nabucco,” Akbar Torkan, head of Oil Ministry planning, told the ministry’s website. Torkan said a number of European countries – Turkey, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy and Greece – were interested in buying gas from Iran.

“In an effort to respond to the needs of these (countries) the Persian gas pipeline will be constructed from Iran to Europe,” Torkan said. “There will be no competition with the Nabucco pipeline and the path of the Persian Pipeline ... is separate from the Nabucco pipeline,” he said, without giving details on when it would be constructed and how much it would cost.



IEA cuts world oil demand forecast on weak economy

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In a monthly report, the International Energy Agency (IEA), adviser to 28 industrialised countries, reduced its 2008 demand growth forecast by 250,000 bpd to 440,000 bpd. This represents a 0.5 percent growth rate, the lowest since 1993.

The report adds to evidence slowing economies and the worsening financial crisis are reducing oil consumption. Oil prices fell further after it was released to a one-year low near \$81 a barrel. But the IEA cautioned against too much focus on demand, saying the credit crisis would also impact investment in bringing on new oil supply. Already, world output fell by more than 1 mobpd in September partly because of storm disruption in the US Gulf, it said.

World oil demand is expected to average 86.5 million bpd in 2008. The agency also lowered its growth forecast for 2009 as well, cutting the prediction by 190,000 bpd to 690,000 bpd. The Paris-based agency said the impact of global economic weakness was most acute in developed countries while developing economies were showing a degree of resilience. “Although non-OECD slowdown is also likely, it is by no means certain that growth will be choked off altogether,” it said. “We have yet to see unambiguous evidence of a sharp slowdown in China, while Middle Eastern demand growth remains robust.”



Dana Gas and Crescent kick off Northern Iraq's gas production

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Source : Oil & Gas Journal (Eric Watkins)

http://www.ogj.com/display_article/341757/120/ARTCL/none/DriPr/1/Dana.-Crescent-kick-off-Kurdish-natural-gas-production/

Dana Gas and equal partner Crescent Petroleum have started natural gas production in Northern Iraq after commissioning the first stage of a \$650 million project.

The two companies said they have started production of 75 MMcfd of gas from Khor Mor field. Output is expected to gradually reach 300 MMcfd in first half 2009. Gas produced will feed a electric power plant in Erbil province, while in a later stage the project would feed another power plant under construction in Suleimaniya province. The total power generation of the two plants would be 1,250 Mw. Gas from Khor Mor field will be transported by a 180-km pipeline to feed the two plants.

In April 2007 the regional government awarded the two companies a service contract to develop, process, and transport gas from Khor Mor field on a fast-track basis, and to appraise and develop the nearby Chemchamal gas field. Khor Mor field has never been fully developed and has not operated since 1991. The field has estimated gas reserves of 1.4 tcf. Chemchamal, which has never been appraised or developed, has estimated reserves of 2.2 tcf.

Crescent and Dana also are developing a 'Gas City' business park in the area using gas as a feedstock for industries such as petrochemicals, steel, building materials, fertilizers and manufacturing. Gas City, which will include industrial, residential, and commercial components in an integrated city, has a targeted initial basic infrastructure investment of \$3 billion.



Tengizchevroil to start oil shipments on BTC line

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http://www.ogj.com/display_article/342321/120/ARTCL/none/Trasp/1/Tengizchevroil-to-start-oil-shipments-on-BTC-line/

BP Azerbaijan, partially confirming earlier reports, announced that the Chevron Corp.-led Tengizchevroil consortium plans to start oil shipments this month via the BTC pipeline.

“We expect to start pumping some volumes of Tengizchevroil’s crude via the [BTC] pipeline in the second half of October,” said company spokesman Tamam Bayatly. She did not say how much oil was expected to be delivered. Earlier this week, BP announced plans to begin shipping oil from Kazakhstan’s Tengiz oil field via the BTC pipeline beginning later this month.

BP said the oil would be transported by barge from Kazakhstan to Azerbaijan and then loaded into the pipeline, with exports from Ceyhan expected to begin in mid-November.

Late last month, Tengizchevroil was reported to have made an agreement to ship up to 2 million tonnes/year of oil—possibly rising to 5 million tonnes/year—by barge across the Caspian Sea to Azerbaijan and onward by rail across Georgia to export terminals on the Black Sea.

Tengizchevroil has been struggling with its joint venture partners to double the capacity of the CPC pipeline export route to 60 million tonnes/year to accommodate rising output in the Central Asian country. The pipeline runs from Kazakhstan to Russia’s Black Sea port of Novorossiisk.

In September, Chevron said its Tengizchevroil affiliate had completed a major expansion at Tengiz field in Kazakhstan that will raise oil production capacity to 540,000 b/d, up 35% over the 400,000 b/d achieved earlier this year in the firm’s first expansion phase.



OPEC moves emergency meeting forward to October

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<http://www.upstreamonline.com/live/article164890.ece>

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on Thursday moved forward its emergency meeting to review production policy by nearly one month, underscoring the cartel's concern about falling crude prices.

“OPEC nations are reliant on oil revenues and to the extent that prices have fallen this far, we are very concerned,” Nigerian Oil Minister Odein Ajumogobia told Dow Jones Newswires by telephone from Nigeria. OPEC, in a short statement, said the meeting will be held Oct. 24 at the group's headquarters in Vienna rather than Nov. 18, as previously scheduled.

U.S. crude prices touched a 14-month low Thursday of almost \$71 a barrel on concerns that U.S. and European financial problems are severely crimping oil demand and spreading to emerging market nations like China. The announcement comes as a number of OPEC nations, including Iraq and Nigeria, are being forced to review their 2009 budget spending plans because of the tumble in crude prices, which are down 54% since their summer peaks.



Iraq lays out plans for first oil bid round

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http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=67775

Iraqi Oil Minister Hussain al-Shahristani laid out details Monday of the country's first- ever oil licensing round, and said the national government will have 51% control over several oil fields that will be jointly developed with foreign companies.

Foreign companies will have 49% in projects and operate under fee-based service contracts. The companies are expected to submit bids within six months and the government wants deals in place by June. Only the Iraqi cabinet, not the Iraqi parliament, will get to approve whatever deals end up being signed, he said.

❖ Petroleum Market Pricing System Regulation

Source : EMRA

Weblink : <http://www.epdk.org.tr/mevzuat/yonetmelik/petrol/fiyat/fiyatilk.doc>

❖ OPEC Monthly Oil Market Report (October 2008)

Source : OPEC

Weblink : <http://www.opec.org/home/Monthly%20Oil%20Market%20Reports/2008/pdf/MR102008.pdf>

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